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Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council

26/10 International Albinism Awareness Day

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling its resolutions 23/13 of 13 June 2013, on attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism, and 24/33 of 27 September 2013, on technical cooperation for the prevention of attacks against persons with albinism,

Taking note of the preliminary report on persons with albinism submitted by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fourth session,[1]

Taking note also of resolution 263 of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights on the prevention of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism, adopted on 5 November 2013,

Expressing concern at the attacks against persons with albinism, including against women and children, which are often committed with impunity,

Welcoming the increased international attention to the human rights situation of persons with albinism, including the work of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children,

Encouraging Member States to continue their efforts to protect and preserve the rights of persons with albinism to life and to security of person, as well as their right not to be subject to torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Also encouraging Member States to continue in their efforts to ensure equal access for persons with albinism to employment, education, justice and the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health,

Noting that, in many parts of the world, awareness of the human rights situation of persons with albinism remains limited, and recognizing the importance of increasing

[1] A/HRC/24/57.

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awareness and understanding of albinism in order to fight against global discrimination and stigma against persons with albinism,

Welcoming the observance by civil society actors of 13 June as International Albinism Day,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly proclaim 13 June International Albinism Awareness Day, and invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe International Albinism Awareness Day in an appropriate manner;

2. *Invites* Member States to provide the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with information on the initiatives taken to promote and protect the human rights of persons with albinism, including efforts to increase awareness of the human rights situation of persons with albinism and understanding of albinism;

3. *Urges* the human rights treaty bodies and special procedures of the Human Rights Council to continue to give attention, within their respective mandates, to the situation of persons with albinism;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to keep the Human Rights Council informed at its twenty-ninth session of the initiatives taken to raise awareness and promote the protection of the rights of persons with albinism;

5. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and United Nations organizations.

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[Adopted without a vote.]